

## ITEMS APPROVED AND ACTION TAKEN BY THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## EMERGENCY CALLED MEETING April 25, 2011

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The Lee County Board of Commissioners met for an emergency meeting at 4 p.m., Monday, April 25, 2011, to discuss the following items:

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. <u>Update on the April 16<sup>th</sup> Tornado</u> Emergency Services Director Shane Seagroves presented a power point presentation showing the path the April 16<sup>th</sup> tornado took across Lee County; beginning at Rocky Fork Church Road and ending 13 miles across the county on Avents Ferry Road. As of today the following dollar damages have been reported to homes or businesses (structural damage only):
  - Isolated areas effected \$3,969,675
  - Minor damage \$9,719.950
  - Major damage \$7,940,850
  - Completely destroyed \$25,625,800
  - Estimated value of effected properties \$57,078,718
  - Estimated average tax value \$47,256,275

These numbers do not reflect businesses, automobiles, farm machinery or contents inside homes or businesses.

FEMA officials are set up at the McSwain Center to take applications and assist in answering questions. Staff will be at the McSwain seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Homeowners are cautioned not to start work on their homes until they receive authorization from their insurance adjuster.

B. <u>Animal Control Issues</u> – The Lee County Animal Shelter will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. this week for assistance with animal control. The county is working with CARA to match pets back with their owners. Cat foster families are needed at this time. Call 774-9433 if you can assist

with housing a cat. Some local vets are also offering free service for animals hurt during the storm.

- C. <u>Storm Debris Removal</u> The Board of Commissioners authorized the County Manager to work with the Department of Transportation so the county can contract with Byrd Brothers to begin pick up of debris material in the unincorporated areas of the county. Byrd Brothers is currently picking up Construct & Debris (C& D) material within the City of Sanford.
- D. <u>State of Emergency/Curfew</u> The Board of Commissioners extended the State of Emergency through 8 a.m., Friday, April 29, 2011.